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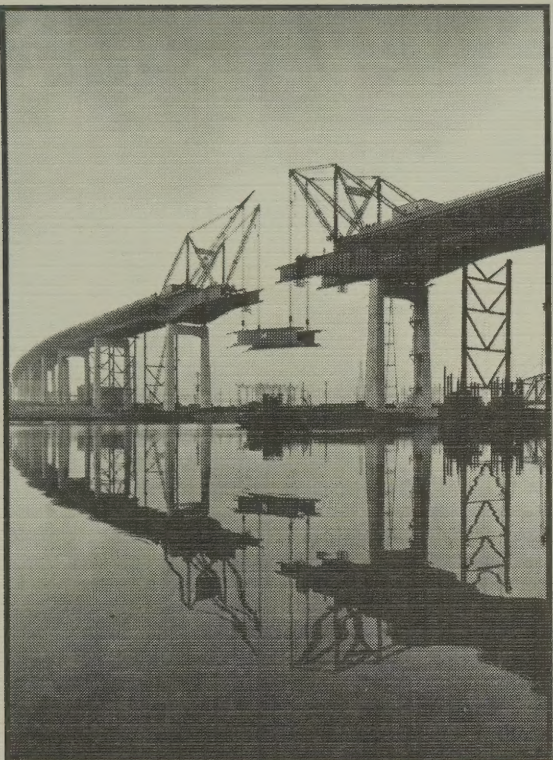


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NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

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TURNPIKE TIMELINE

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1/19/50 ~ Turnpike Authority awards first contract to Poirer & McLane Corp. of New York City for grading and drainage in the Linden, New Jersey area.

1/12/70 ~ New Jersey Turnpike opens its new 12-lane "dual/dual" roadway and the newly constructed Interchange 10 opens to the public.

1/7/74 ~ Turnpike Authority's 10-9 Widening Project is completed and opens to the public. A total of 25 additional lane miles were added to the "dual/dual" roadway with 12 lanes.

1/7/96 ~ Governor Christine Whitman's directive to close the Turnpike's entire roadway during the Blizzard of '96 was a first in the Turnpike's History.

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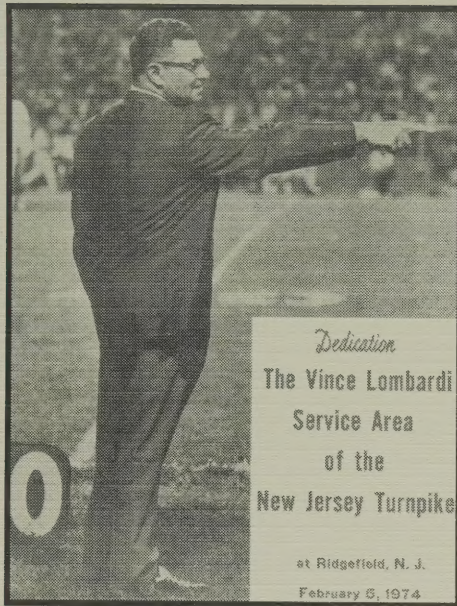
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COVER: Jan. 18, 1952 ~ Aerial of New Jersey Turnpike in vicinity of Passaic River. Photo credit: The Port of New York Authority. ABOVE: Hudson County, Apr. 9, 1951 ~ Billboard promises that the Turnpike will be done and opened to the public by November '51. Photo credit: George Van. LEFT: Twin girders rising on bridge over the Passaic River.

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2/17/50 ~ Turnpike Authority concludes negotiations for \$220,000,000 to finance the construction of the original 118-mile roadway.

2/14/66 ~ Interchange 8A opens to the public following a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mrs. H. W. Hubbard is the first patron to be handed a toll ticket.

2/2/67 ~ Toll Collector Harry Laderman was the first Turnpike employee to be killed during the performance of his job duties. The Authority establishes a scholarship fund and dedicates the Passaic River Bridge in his memory.

2/5/74 ~ Ceremony held for the dedication of the Vince Lombardi Service Area in Ridgefield. The Turnpike's northern-most rest stop facility was named in honor of the famed football coach and New Jersey resident.

2/11/74 ~ The Authority Administration Building is dedicated in honor of the first chairman, Paul L. Troast.

2/5/00 ~ The new Interchange 6/6A opens to the public.

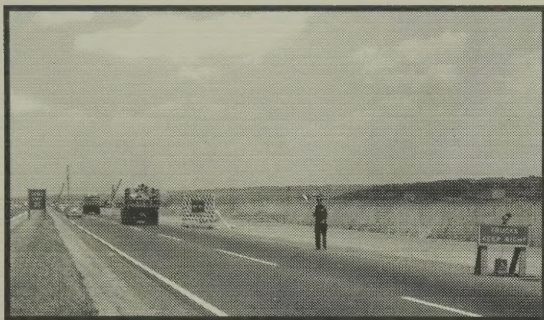
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ABOVE: Edison, New Jersey, Feb. 7, 1978 ~ During a 36-hour winter storm which dumped 18-20 inches of snow on the Turnpike, the inner roadway was closed to concentrate all snow plowing efforts to the outer roadway. LEFT: Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, Feb. 5, 1974 ~ Cover of the dedication program for the Vince Lombardi Service Area.

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1948

3/22/48 ~ Newark International Airport begins operation under the direction of The Port Authority of NY/NJ. The airport originally opened on Nov. 1, 1928.

1960

3/23/60 ~ "Turnpike", a CBS pilot series, taped its final footage at Interchange 18W. Former New York Giants football star, Frank Gifford, has the leading role in the action-filled television show.

1964

3/5/64 ~ State Police escort President Lyndon Johnson on his first trip on the New Jersey Turnpike from Interchange 14 to the Lincoln Tunnel.

3/10/64 ~ A ceremonial ribbon cutting is held in honor of the Lincoln Tunnel Complex opening.

1991

3/17/91 ~ New Jersey Turnpike Authority implements third toll increase since opening in 1951.

3/31/91 ~ Turnpike Authority purchases the 4.4-mile section of Route 95, from Ridgefield Park to the George Washington Bridge, from the State.

1997

3/25/97 ~ Turnpike Authority awards the regional electronic toll collection system contract to MFS Technologies, Inc./Chase Manhattan Bank.

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ABOVE: Bordentown Township, Burlington County, 1951 ~ The first 53-mile section of the Turnpike from Deepwater, Interchange 1 to Bordentown, Interchange 7 opened on Nov. 5, 1951. LEFT: Maintenance operations on the northern end of the Turnpike. Photo by Ostergaard.

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1951 1956 1960 1962 1968 1980 1983 1988 1997

4/11/51 ~ First service area contract is awarded to Howard Johnson to operate and manage the Turnpike's 9 original "lunchrooms" and 2 restaurant facilities scheduled for construction.

4/4/56 ~ Initial section of the Newark Bay/Hudson County Extension into Bayonne, New Jersey opens to the public.

4/11/60 ~ Construction began on the Turnpike Authority's Administration Building in East Brunswick, New Jersey.

4/11/62 ~ William J. Flanagan is named Executive Director for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

4/9/68 ~ Karen Jo Beck, daughter of Turnpike Landscaper Walter Beck, wins first Laderman Scholarship to be awarded.

4/1/80 ~ Turnpike Authority implements its second toll increase since opening in 1951.

4/6/83 ~ Dolores Prideaux was sworn in as the first female Commissioner.

4/28/88 ~ Groundbreaking ceremony held in honor of relocated Interchange 7 in Bordentown.

4/17/97 ~ Turnpike Authority unveils its web site to the public.

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ABOVE: Hudson County, Apr. 5, 1956 ~ Bayonne High School Band marches eastbound on the Newark Bay/Hudson County Extension during dedication ceremonies for the Newark Bay Bridge. Photo by Maryland State Roads Commission. LEFT: Apr. 9, 1968 ~ Karen Jo Beck receives first Laderman Scholarship award as Executive Director William J. Flanagan looks on.

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5/18/50 ~ Contract awarded to Bethlehem Steel Company for the construction of the Turnpike's largest bridge structure ~ the Passaic River Bridge.

5/25/56 ~ The Pennsylvania Extension opens to traffic.

5/2/62 ~ Turnpike Authority's state-of-the-art radio sign system becomes operational.

5/15/62 ~ Ceremony held for the opening of Interchange 12.

5/30/74 ~ Interchange 7A opens to motorists.

5/1/95 ~ An additional Exclusive Bus Lane (XBL) opens to the public at Interchange 16E during morning peak hours.

5/5/95 ~ State Police Troop D New Brunswick Station and Headquarters moves to new facilities in Cranbury, New Jersey.

5/7/96 ~ Turnpike Authority unveils plaque commemorating the Vincent Robert Casciano Bridge.

5/27/97 ~ Turnpike Authority implements exact change lanes at Interchange 11 in Woodbridge and Interchange 13 in Elizabeth.

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ABOVE: State Trooper assists disabled vehicle as changeable message sign warns motorists of weather conditions. Photo by Ostergaard. LEFT: Jan. 18, 1952 ~ Aerial, vicinity of Newark Airport. Photo credit: The Port of New York Authority.

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1950

→ 6/1/50 ~ The first contract to operate the Turnpike's 6 northern service areas is awarded to Cities Service Oil Company of New York City.

1951

→ 6/25/51 ~ Amendments to Turnpike Act passed by Legislature to provide for extensions to the Pennsylvania Turnpike and the New York State Thruway, and for a connection across Newark Bay to the Hudson County Peninsula.

1979

→ 6/5/79 ~ The New Jersey Turnpike Authority introduces its map and toll schedules to the public. Consolidated information on toll schedules, service areas and towns nearest to Turnpike interchanges were designed for patron convenience.

1982

→ 6/10/82 ~ Ribbon cutting ceremony held honoring the opening of Interchange 13A, a tri-agency venture that included the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, NJ State Department of Transportation and the Port Authority of NY & NJ. Governor Thomas Kean had the honor of cutting the ribbon.

1994

→ 6/4/94 ~ Turnpike Authority closes the William Halsey Service Area in Elizabeth, New Jersey where it has been in operation since 1952.

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ABOVE: East Brunswick, early 1952 ~ Original Turnpike Service Area now the site of the Joyce Kilmer Service Area operated by Cities Service Oil Company. LEFT: June 1, 1951 ~ Workmen take lunch hour on 146 foot steel beam which will be used for the Passaic River Bridge span. Photo by George Van.

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7/12/51 ~ Contract awarded, based on competitive bids, to Cities Service Oil Company for gasoline concessions.

7/19/62 ~ Authority announces the start of night-time roadwork and repairs.

7/31/68 ~ Interchange 13 in Elizabeth opens to public.

7/2/81 ~ New Jersey native Bruce Springsteen opens Meadowlands Sports Complex with sold out concerts.

7/2/97 ~ Turnpike Authority representatives and members from the New Jersey Motor Truck Association gather for opening ceremonies for the expanded truck parking at the Vince Lombardi Service Area.

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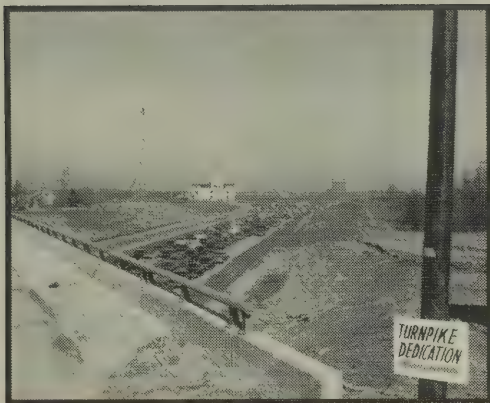
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ABOVE: The Western Spur, a 12-mile section from the Mainline in Newark to Ridgfield Park under construction over the Passaic River. LEFT: March 24, 1964 ~ Pikette assists Service Area patron on the New Jersey Turnpike.

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1965 1963 1962 1955 1964

8/1/55 ~ The New Jersey Highway Authority, organized in 1952, completes first month of operation for the 173-mile Garden State Parkway.

8/7/62 ~ Groundbreaking ceremony held for Interchange 16 at the Lincoln Tunnel Complex.

8/27/63 ~ Ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication held for the completion of the Lincoln Tunnel Complex, Interchange 17.

8/24/64 ~ The Democratic National Convention opens in Atlantic City. Lyndon Baines Johnson was nominated for President and Hubert H. Humphrey for Vice President.

8/6/65 ~ President Dwight D. Eisenhower poses for a picture at Central Shops in Hightstown for Turnpike employees.



AUGUST

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ABOVE AND LEFT: Ceremonies at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Administration Building in East Brunswick dedicating the major bridge structures in memory of war heroes of the State of New Jersey. Left photo by Sunday Home News. BOTTOM: Nov. 30, 1951 ~ First dedication ceremony held at the Raritan River Bridge which was designated Basilone Memorial Bridge. Shown are members of the Basilone family and General Hart, U.S. Marine Corp. Photo by Ostergaard.

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9/15/56 ~ Final section of the Newark Bay/Hudson County Extension opens to the public.

9/15/59 ~ Turnpike Authority's employee publication, The Pike Interchange, debuts.

9/12/63 ~ Turnpike Authority starts blood bank for employees.

9/8/65 ~ Groundbreaking ceremony held for Interchange 8A.

9/18/69 ~ Interchange 11 in Woodbridge opens to the public following ribbon cutting ceremony.

9/3/70 ~ Turnpike's Western Spur opens to motorists. 200,000 vehicles used this alignment's interchanges during the first 10 days of operation.

9/21/77 ~ Governor Brendan T. Byrne presents Authority Chairman Francis G. Fitzpatrick with a plaque bearing the license plate "SAFEST" for the Authority's outstanding 1976 safety record.

9/30/00 ~ E-ZPass opens on the Turnpike. The Turnpike is the first major toll facility to institute an effective traffic management tool known as Value Pricing in conjunction with its fourth toll increase.

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ABOVE: Jersey City, Hudson County, Sept. 15, 1956 ~ First toll paid on the Newark Bay/Hudson County Extension. LEFT: Early construction for grading and drainage along the New Jersey Turnpike.

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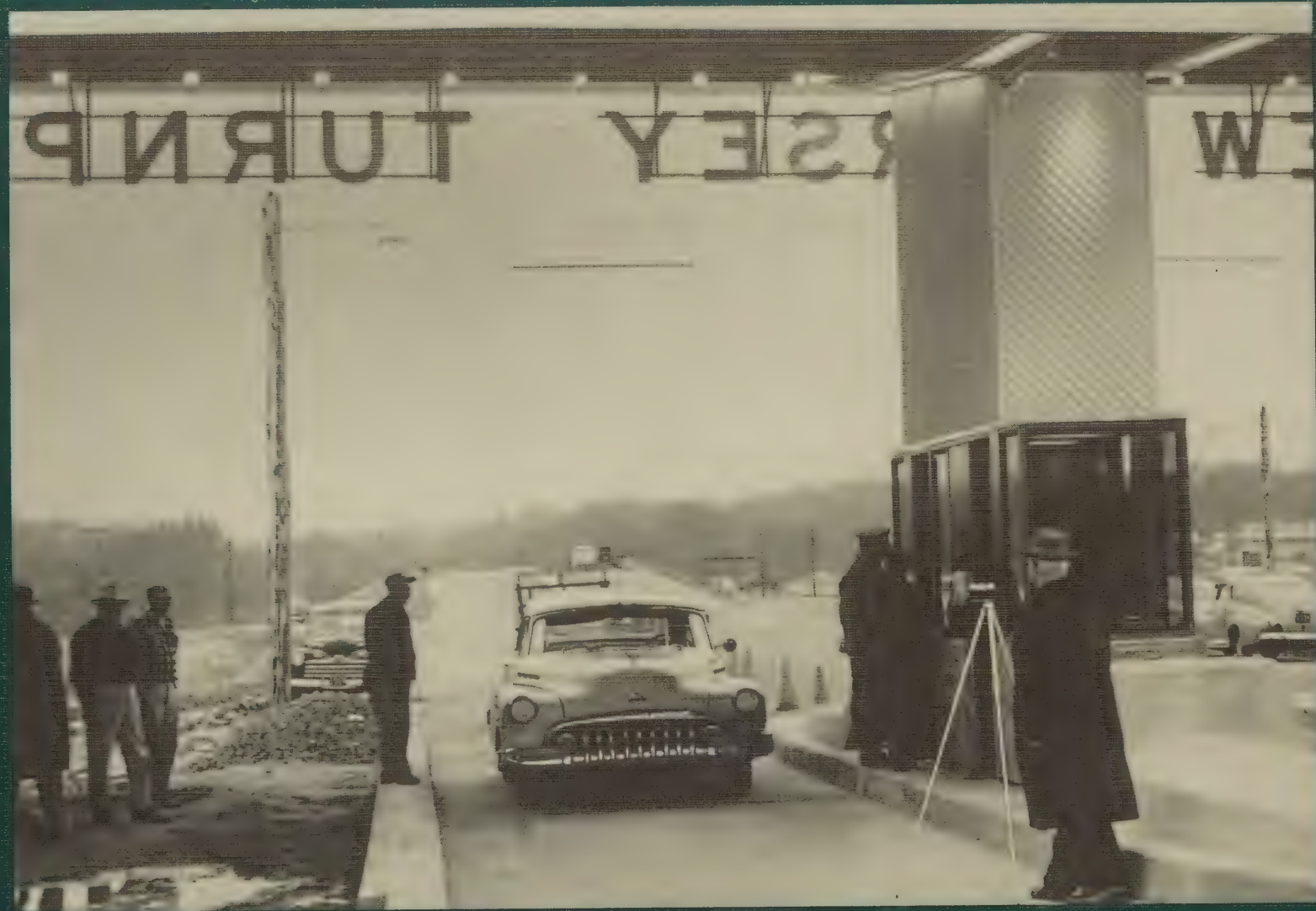
1948	10/27/48 ~ The New Jersey Turnpike Authority Act is approved by the State Legislature.
1951	10/17/51 ~ NJTA sells additional \$35 million revenue bonds to banking groups to provide financing for completion of Turnpike.
1956	10/31/51 ~ Official preview of Turnpike for 53 miles from Deepwater to Bordentown with Governors Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey, and Elbert N. Carvel of Delaware, participating.
1966	10/25/56 ~ The Woodrow Wilson and Richard Stockton Service Areas open to patrons.
1966	10/4/66 ~ Turnpike Authority receives \$179 million bond sale to finance the first phase of the 1966 Widening Program.
1990	10/22/90 ~ The dualization of the Turnpike's roadway between Interchange 8A and 9 opens to the public.
1995	10/2/95 ~ The Turnpike's new Park and Ride facility opens at the Vince Lombardi Service Area in Ridgefield.
1995	10/24/95 ~ The Newark Bay Bridge is renamed the Vincent Robert Casciano Bridge. The former member of the NJ General Assembly sponsored legislation authorizing the New Jersey Turnpike to construct the Newark Bay/Hudson County Extension.
1998	10/27/98 ~ The Molly Pitcher Travel and Tourism Center opens to the public.

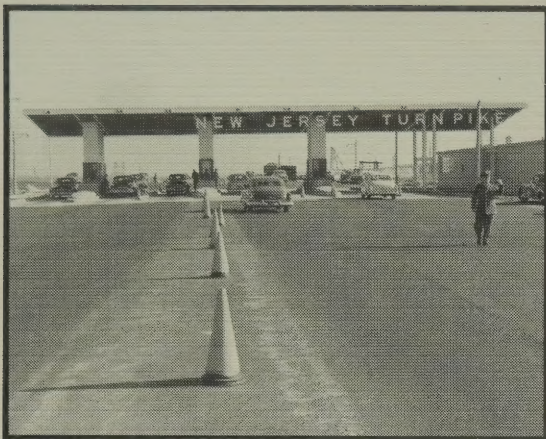
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ABOVE: Jan. 18, 1952 ~ Aerial view in vicinity of Interchange 15E. Photo credit: The Port of New York Authority. LEFT: Oct. 14, 1954 ~ Original construction of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Extension. Photo by Ostergaard.

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TURNPIKE TIMELINE

1951

11/5/51 ~ The first 53-mile section of the Turnpike, from Deepwater to Bordentown, opens to motorists.

The first toll collected at Interchange 2 at 8:10 a.m. Omero Catan was the first patron to pay a toll on the Turnpike's opening day.

A total of 3,459 vehicles used the Turnpike on its opening day. Net revenues amounted to \$1,538.20 for the first full day of operation.

11/30/51 ~ An additional 40-mile section of the Turnpike's roadway, from Bordentown to Woodbridge, opens to the public.

1966

11/15/66 ~ Groundbreaking ceremony held to begin the first phase of the 1966 Widening.

1990

11/11/90 ~ The newly relocated Interchange 7 at US 206 Bordentown-Trenton opens to traffic.

1999

11/23/99 ~ New Jersey Turnpike Authority announces 5-Year Financial and Capital Plan. Refinancing existing debt, providing funds for key construction projects and major facility and roadway improvements were outlined in the plan to be instituted.

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ABOVE: Nov. 5, 1951 ~ First vehicle about to enter New Jersey Turnpike at Interchange 3. Photo by Courier-Post. LEFT: Interchange 14 ~ Photo by Ostergaard.

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12/5/49 ~ W.W. Wanamaker becomes Turnpike Authority's first Executive Director.

12/20/49 ~ The Authority receives seven proposals for first contract.

12/12/51 ~ 16-mile section from Woodbridge to Raymond Boulevard in Newark opens to the public.

12/31/60 ~ The Authority's "Safety Break" program begins. Free coffee, tea and milk are offered to motorists during the Christmas and New Year's Eve holidays.

12/1/61 ~ New toll plaza opens in Carteret, New Jersey.

12/4/96 ~ Turnpike Authority opens High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to the public.

12/23/98 ~ Turnpike Authority approves diesel fuel discount program to be implemented under an agreement with Sunoco, the Turnpike's gasoline operator.

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ABOVE: Nov. 30, 1951 ~ The Baltimore Transfer Company trailer positioned to be the first through NJTA toll plaza on opening day. Photo by Soneej of Photo Art.
LEFT: April 1971 ~ After running out of gas at 6,000 feet the pilot managed to land safely in the northbound lanes on the Turnpike near Allentown, New Jersey.

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